



## **Surgical Release Form for Cystotomy for urolith/cystolith Removal**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Surgery to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed the aforementioned surgery and the importance of pre-surgical blood testing with the referring veterinarian. I understand that there are risks and hazards involved with the recommended surgical procedure, including anesthetic risk. I realized that no guaranty or warranty can ethically or professionally be made regarding the results or cure.

I authorize the surgeons and/or associates (Drs. Harper, Franklin, Lew and McFadden) of Texas Specialty Veterinary Services, PLLC to perform surgery on my pet. I am also aware that Dr. Harper is board certified in large animal surgery only but have retrained in small animal surgery as well, therefore, offers their services to small animal clients and their animals. I have also been made aware that Dr. Franklin is small animal surgery residency trained, but has not become board certified at this time. At this time Dr. Franklin's title is Practice Limited to Surgery. I understand that there are other board-certified surgeons in small animal available in the area. Drs. Lew and McFadden are board certified small animal surgeons.

Your pet has been diagnosed with bladder stones (uroliths) that require surgical removal. There are several different types of bladder stones that can develop within the bladder or urinary tract of the dog/cat and complete surgical removal depends upon the size and location. Occasionally, these bladder stones can become lodged in different parts of the urinary tract (urethra and/or ureter) necessitating emergency surgery or treatment. Additionally, these bladder stones can cause chronic urinary tract infections if they are not removed. Certain types of breeds of dogs are predisposed to develop select types of bladder stones.

In some cases, we are unable to obtain all bladder stones due to their size and location, however in general when attempting surgical removal via the bladder we are able to generally remove most of the bladder stones creating problems.

The undersigned owner or authorized agent of admitted patient \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize the admitting veterinarian (and his/her designated associates or assistants) to administer such treatment as is

necessary to perform the below-mentioned procedure. The nature of the procedure(s) has been explained to me and no guarantee has been made as to results or cure. I understand that there may be risk involved in these procedures.

I consent to the administration of such anesthetics or tranquilizers as are necessary.

Anesthetic Risks: (Although every effort is made to make anesthesia as safe as possible including vital sign monitoring and use of the most up to date anesthetic agents and equipment, I understand that anesthesia carries inherent risks) The incidence of complications from anesthesia are extremely low and we do not anticipate any complications in your pet but on rare occasions the following can occur:

1. Allergic reaction to the anesthetic agents
2. Heart rhythm abnormalities
3. Untoward reactions to the gas including drops in blood pressure or respiratory difficulties
4. Just like in humans, on very rare occasions, general anesthesia can result in death.

Procedure: Epidural, Cystotomy (opening up the bladder) and urolith (bladder stone) removal, culture and sensitivity

Surgical Risks:

1. Incomplete removal of all bladder stones (rare).
2. Reoccurrence of bladder stones is possible, depending on bladder composition (12-25%).
3. Dehiscence (suture line breakdown) of the incision into the bladder or the abdomen, especially if the bladder is abnormal, leading to urine leakage into the abdomen and additional surgery at additional cost
4. Infection (rare) can occur in about 3% of cases.
5. Blood can occur in the urine for up to two weeks after surgery which is normal as long as it is a small amount and getting better daily. When blood mixes with urine it can appear to be a lot of bleeding when it is not
6. Painful urinations for a few days

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Please initial to allow TSVS to mention your pet \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Date**

**Pet Owner/Agent Signature**

**Phone I Can Be Reached At Today**